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ICE FOR PRIVATE FAMILIES.

Some men lose their own health
drinking the health of others.

A good excuse pleases some nature
more than afeat accomplished.

Trusts best raise themselves in
public esteem by raising wages.

Not to a happy home the brightest
spot on earth in the sunny side of a
barrier.

Laugh and the world laughs with
you. That is all but the Englishman.
He stares at you.

Those who have the most faith in
mankind sometimes rent boxes in
safe deposit vaults.

Modern society is distinguished by
the politeness of its welcome and the
cordiality of its farewell.

Only a letter's difference—speculation
and peddler's pluck and luck—
and in each case one usually leads to
the other.

THE MICHIGAN NEWS

What is Doing in All Sections of the State

The Spring Floods.

The bridge at North Park, connecting Grand Rapids with Mill Creek, was carried from its piers Sunday afternoon by a tremendous ice jam formed at the bend just above the bridge. The flood of ice was caused by the breaking of a dam at Ionia Saturday, and when it reached the point the ice filled the river to its banks nearly ten feet above the water. The steel girders of a new bridge being constructed at this point by the street railway company were also carried away, the damage being about \$5,000.

A few minutes after the destruction of the North Park bridge the Detroit, Grand Haven & Milwaukee railway bridge was reached by the jam but its heavy abutments and ice breakers withstood the compact and the ice swept down and over the rapids without doing any more damage.

The St. Joseph river has flooded the low lands in Niles and vicinity, doing much damage. Many bridges are in peril and suspension is left across some of the dams. At Buchanan the water is within one inch of the top of the masonry that shuts out the food from unfinished work on the \$25,000 transmission power house C. A. Chapin is building there. If the water submerges the masonry it will work great damage.

Black river went on its annual rampage Sunday and for a time threatened to do considerable damage to the shipping, moored in the river and industrial enterprises along its banks. The usually sluggish stream was turned into a torrent, carrying fields of ice dotted here and there with logs, uprooted trees and fences which had been washed away further up the course of the river and along the tributary creeks swollen by the heavy rains and thaw of the past several days. Fortunately, however, the apprehended danger at this point was avoided.

William A. Eaton, son of a former resident of Memphis, has been sent to the penitentiary at Columbus, O., for a year from Toledo, because he forged a check while drunk.

A man who was put in the Decatur jail for being drunk the other day found an ax in the place and chopped a hole through the outside wall large enough to walk out of.

Benjamin Aning was convicted in the Alpena of criminal assault. He is 14 years old, the youngest person ever tried in the Alpena circuit. He wore knee trousers at his trial.

Bear Lake is to have two canning factories, both of which will be erected in time for the coming summer's campaign. The largest will give employment to about 100 persons.

Mr. Terney, of Adrian, banded his baby up and went with it to visit a friend. On her arrival she found that she had unwittingly smothered the child in trying to keep it warm.

Sugar manufacturers in the Saginaw valley are experiencing no difficulty in making contracts for acreage this season, and every factory will have a full crop, weather conditions permitting.

Congressman Hamilton has learned that the missing Orville Mattiford, of Niles, was alive and well at the end of last August. He was discharged from the British army in South Africa at that time.

After a warm discussion, when there had been mention of bribery and a grand jury, about 300 business men and citizens were in attendance. A motion to ask Gov. Bissell to sign the Scott bill regarding the bridge was lost by 30 to 250 votes. A motion requesting the governor to veto the bill was carried by about the same vote.

Wayne Held no Elections.

Monday was the day for the annual charter election in Wayne, but it passed without an election. It seems that not sufficient interest was taken by politicians to call any caucus to put up a ticket, so the election was by default. The new officers have been chosen the old council will remain in power for another year.

Nothing of this kind ever before happened in all the twenty-five years of Wayne's incorporation as a village.

Knapp's Fortune.

The rights in an ingenious chair plate device for railroads used has been purchased by Fulmer E. McFadden of Saginaw, from a prisoner named Lenske, who is in the state prison at Marquette. Lenske has invented a number of valuable devices which have been patented during his term in prison, and he has a fortune awaiting him when he finishes his sentence. The chair device is in two pieces, and is considered an excellent idea.

Like a Wild Beast.

Charles Davis of Benton Harbor, aged 50, went crazy suddenly Monday in his apartment in the Conkey building. He thought he was a wild animal; he dragged his wife about the room in his jaws, sunk his teeth into her throat, nearly choked her to death, and tore her hair horribly. His son-in-law, William Dio, interfered and saved Mrs. Davis life, but his finger was nearly bitten off.

Myers Inmate.

Edward Myers was held in Coldwater on suspicion, but was finally adjudged insane and sent to Kalamazoo.

The stomach of his mother, which was sent to Ann Arbor, did not show any

poisonous drugs any more than the what embalming fluids contained. Myers' actions for some time past have been very queer and the sudden death of his mother brought suspicion to his door.

Farm property in Otsego county is on the boom at present, the demand being greater than ever before.

The schools of Frostier are closed on account of a smallpox epidemic. Twenty families of the place are quarantined.

Albert J. Linton, for many years associated with lumber concerns on the Saginaw River, is dissipating his ill interests, and will go to Portland, Ore., where he has purchased a sawmill.

Benton Harbor may have the only

newly built hospital outside of Chi-

cago or Zion City west of New York.

Elder Adams, of the Second Zion

tabernacle, a lieutenant of Bowie,

is considering the establishment of one

A. A. movement.

DEMOCRATIC STATE CONVENTION.

Bryan's Address and the Nominations Made.

The Democratic state convention held its sessions in the Light Guard Armory, Detroit, on Tuesday, the chief feature being an address by W. J.

Bryan, the party's presidential candidate in the last two national campaigns.

Regarding Mr. Cleveland he said:

"When I hear what Mr. Cleve-

land says of me, I am almost ashamed

of my moderation in reply. I can say

nothing worse of him than McKinley

said, 'He has made money the

master and everything else the ser-

vant.' I never said anything harder

of him than that, and I do not ashamed

of the part I took in driving him from

the Democratic party, the man who

made money the master and every-

thing else the servant, and would

make the party do the same thing.

John Butler, hotelkeeper of Hough-

ton, has been arrested on a charge of

assaulting Joseph Le Claire with intent

to kill.

A Bessemer man counted the car-

casses of thirty-six deer slain by

wolves on the bank of a small lake in

Gogebic county.

The contract has been let for the

construction of Traverse City's canning

factory, and the plant is to be

completed by June 15.

Minnie Schneider, who disappeared

from Muskegon at the same time as

Banker Terwilliger, a year ago last

October, is back with her child.

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election reform so as to secure the

nomination of candidates directly by

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was deprecated and it was urged that

the support of voting citizens and not

the payment of fees should be pre-

requisite to a name being placed on the

ticker. Home rule and the initiative

and referendum in all matters pertaining

to local self-government, including

the adoption of municipal charters

not to exceed city taxes, was the

subject of much discussion in the sen-

ate. Senator Smith opposed it. Sena-

tor Waterloo, of Oakland, who is

against Denby's anti-tax dodge, has

joined in the opposition.

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Final Notice in 1862. Six pages. Published every Thursday afternoon. Office, room, 500, in Atheneum block.

Those having business in the Post Office, please do not neglect to request Judge White or Mr. C. W. Case to forward the advertising copy to the Manchester Office.

Advertisers wishing to change their advertisements, must get the copy to us so the work can be done as early as Tuesday, else it will be set after the paper is out and be inserted the next week.

Birth, Marriage, and Death notices, free. Obituary notices, five cents a line.

Card of Thanks, five cents a line.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 12 1908.

Reports from the fruit belt are favorable for a large crop of peaches this season, though some have reported to the contrary.

Wouldn't it be a good idea to ask Mr. Carnegie to donate about \$5,000 for a library for Manchester? A neat building on the public square would be an ornament and the library we are sure, would be appreciated.

There are two changes that are likely soon to be made that will materially affect the agricultural districts of the state. One is the system of road making long in vogue and the other is the establishment of central schools in each township and the abolishment of the old style district schools.

It is strange that people do not get on to the proper manner of voting on the machines. Last Monday a number lost their votes because they were not careful in manipulating the machine. It would almost seem that some people would rather lose their vote than ask for information. As we have two machines, we believe that one should be used on which to instruct people to avoid mistakes as much as possible.

On inquiring of the rural mail carriers how the roads are on their routes, wherever the farmers have used a liberal supply of gravel on the roads, they invariably say, "Oh, that road was gravelled and it is all right." It would seem that these object lessons ought to benefit the farmers, ought to convince them that it pays to build good roads. At this season of the year the farmer has to haul his stock to market and he can do it easier and cheaper if the roads are good.

In some places in Michigan teachers are enforcing the law that pupils must go directly home after the close of school. The supreme court has declared that such a rule is valid and may be enforced by the principal. Furthermore, if a principal sees fit, he may enter a store and order the children he finds there to leave and go home, and the owner of the store cannot get damages on the ground that the principal has driven away trade and injured the business of his store.

Hon. & Mrs. H. C. Smith returned from Washington on Sunday. A Times representative called on Mr. Smith and this is what he said: "I just hope to live the life of a good citizen, and want to be able to pay, as far as it is possible to do, my friends and constituents for loyal support and friendly sympathy in the past. My constituents and friends have been kind beyond my merit, and to them my full appreciation. I am quitting the public service without ill-feeling toward, or criticism of anyone.

That was a pretty scrap—at the state republican convention at Detroit. The effort to get the primary election resolution through was not an easy one, but it was finally carried. Judge Kinne's friends made a grand fight for him for justice of the supreme court. Judson fought hard for him, but the opponents to Judson, those who wanted to down him, threw their votes for Hawker. So Webster's candidate was thrown down. Now, W. W. Wedemeyer has gone back on Judson and it looks like a Glazier—Wedemeyer compact to rule the county, perhaps not. We will see.

If more people would consult the state authorities, the university and agricultural college, when in doubt as to diseases, etc., there would be less danger, less suffering and more satisfaction all around. As example, a dog bit a boy at Jackson recently, the dog was supposed to be mad, serum was extracted from the dog and sent to Dr. Vaughan, Ann Arbor, he inoculated animal with the material taken from the dog and hydrophobia was developed. The lad was sent to the Pasteur Institute at Chicago for treatment and it is reported that he is doing nicely and no serious results are likely to follow. The promptness in which the case was handled is commendable.

Interest in the Manchester cement plant seems to increase as spring approaches. The Messrs. Butler were here last Thursday conferring with Wm. Burles, Attorney Waters and others regarding the prospects of locating the plant in this village instead of out near the marl and clay beds. We understand that people of this township will be asked to procure a right-of-way for a railroad between the village and marl beds also to give a piece of land upon which to erect the plant, and it would seem as though that much could easily be done because the erection of a large plant here will be of great advantage to everybody, farmers, merchants and property owners.

From the Sunny South:

LAKECHARLES, LA., March 5, 1908.

ED. ENTERPRISE: I have just been reading one of the papers sent me by my mother, Mrs. J. J. Blodell, and thought I would write to you to let you know I had not forgotten my old home and friends, and also send you one of our Lake Charles papers, to show some of the most principal business establishments of our beautiful little city of 12,000 inhabitants.

I am an engineer on the mail boat "Romeo" plying between Lake Charles and the Gulf of Mexico and make the trip three times a week, down one day and back the next. I have been working on the same boat five years. Brought it here from Detroit, Mich.

We have been having a good deal of rain here of late. The water is the highest known here in years, but that is so much the better for steamboat traffic and rice farmers.

We are having real warm weather, in fact haven't had two or three cold spells this winter. We feel the cold here worse than in the north, because it is so damp. The roses and flowers bloom here the year around, and the watermelons and peaches will be ripe the last of May or the first of June.

We haven't seen any snow but twice in five years, and that was the first year we were here; then it snowed about two inches, but it did not stay on the ground only long enough for the southern sun to melt it. About the middle of last month it snowed about 20 minutes, but only enough to tell that it was snow.

Ever since then the houses have all been open and white waists have been worn on the streets.

Beat wishes to all my old friends and hoping to hear from you some day. I remain as ever your friend,

FRANK BLAISDELL

Washtenaw County.

Cornelius Scott, aged 84 years, hung himself in a barn near Milan, Sunday.

Ann Arbor people may rest easy now. Jimmy Blythman for the burglary of a Dexter hardware store last December, was sentenced to 12 years in Jackson prison. He is a bad boy.

Mrs. Alice Floyd Laird of Sylvan, has commenced suit for \$25,000 against Wm. H. Laird, Ellen J. Laird and Ellen Guthrie her husband's relatives for inducing her husband to abandon her.

Rev. John Neumann, pastor of the Bethlehem Evangelical church, Ann Arbor the past 25 years, has resigned and will accept the charge of the Zear protestant orphan asylum of Detroit. He will preach his farewell sermon the first Sunday after Easter.

John Weimer of Scio, the well-known tinsmith of Washtenaw county, on a trip to the west several months ago purchased a cattle farm in the western part of the state of Kansas. Mr. Weimer has decided to leave Michigan and to after his interests in the west. He has sold out his business and will go to Kansas the last of this week.

Owing to the rain and bad state of the roads, the meeting of the teachers, school officers and patron's association at Ann Arbor last Saturday was not largely attended. Although there were about 70 teachers and a few officers and patrons present. Notwithstanding the light attendance it was an enthusiastic meeting.

The program was carried out in full and the discussion brought out many good thoughts for all present. John K. Campbell of Augusta township was chosen president and Prof. C. A. Graves of Dexter, secretary. They will be assisted by Supt. Sausman of Ann Arbor high school, president Jones of the state normal and the county commissioner in arranging a series of meetings for the next year.

Adam Wurster who was drawn on circuit court jury at Ann Arbor went to the county seat Monday afternoon.

Paul Quirk has been sick since last Friday and J. G. Kingley has been running the electric light plant.

Mrs. Kamm of Clinton, visited Mr. & Mrs. J. E. Teeter on Monday. She will leave Clinton soon with her husband for Bay City.

We learn that Mrs. M. B. Wallace fell last week and was quite badly bruised, but is about as usual this week though somewhat lame.

H. N. Hatchett of Jackson, paid \$100 to a Boston man for a buff cochin cockerel.

It was while trying to rescue his pipe that Fred Jewell lost his life at the tile work in Jackson.

Jackson is overrun with hobos and vagrants who frighten the ladies.

Over six miles of cement sidewalk were built in Jackson last year, costing the city nearly \$16,000.

It is expected that work on the Osgoode hotel at Jackson will be resumed at once. The plans call for removal of interior walls.

It took only \$1,000 to run the village of Grass Lake the past year. Nearly half that amount was taken in for business.

The state farm commissioner has distributed 50 cans of the pony tribe in the lake adjacent to Jackson, including 450 brook trout.

A barn on the premises of Mrs. Palmer Hill near Clark's lake burned Sunday together with its contents, four horses, several cows, sheep and other stock, grain, hay, implements, etc. valued at \$2,500.

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Personal...

Welcome the coming and...

Speed the parting guest.

L. M. Robison was in Clinton yes-
terday.

Mrs. J. A. Goodyear visited Jackson,
Monday.

Myron Silworth of Jackson, was in
town Monday.

Frank Montgomery of Adrian, came
here on Monday.

Frank Sloat and Ed. Dietle were in
Jackson, Tuesday.

Casper Raby came down from Norwell
to visit friends this week.

Miss Minnie Grossman went to Ypsi-
lanti-Tuesday to spend a few weeks.

Miss Caroline Niele went to Lansing today
to visit Mr. & Mrs. B. F. Burles.

Rev. Miss Louisa Haight of Tecumseh,
was a guest of Mrs. Burles over Sun-
day.

Mrs. Ass. Gage of Tecumseh, is visit-
ing Mrs. O. L. Turley and other friends
here.

Mr. & Mrs. F. G. Briegel went to De-
troit Tuesday for a week's visit with friends.

Clarence Burles of Toledo, was a
guest of his uncle, Wm. Burles over Sun-
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Frank Merithew, the auctioneer, at-
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Mr. Kuebler informs us that he has
been offered positions as traveling sales-
man but that he intends to take a rest
for a few months at least.

Howard Macomber was at home over
Sunday. He has just finished a trip
through the New England states and
was away from home since the holidays.

James Kelly was a delegate to the
democratic state convention in Detroit,
Tuesday. He was delighted with the
speeches made by Wm. J. Bryan and
W. R. Burt.

Miss Belvia Watzke, who has been
teaching in the Spafard district, west of
town, has closed another successful term
and is now taking a vacation. She was
in Jackson over Sunday.

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BRIEF NEWS ITEMS.

Some ladies have already begun house-cleaning.

We had a genuine thunder storm last Saturday.

George Miller sold a horse to R. Brand & Co., Toledo.

The farmers say that the frost is nearly all out of the ground.

The firemen had Juliet out for practice, Monday evening.

The Wesleyan male quartet at arbeiter hall next Monday night.

The Monday club met with Mrs. Henry Kuhl, Monday evening.

There were 45 carloads of stock shipped from Manchester last month.

Burtless & Ame poker shipped a car-load of sheep to Buffalo, Saturday.

The directors of the people's bank held their monthly meeting last evening.

The ice is about all out of the ponds. This is earlier than it went out last year.

For once the seasons come around right. We are having March weather in March.

Will Seckinger, who worked for Albert Kiebler the past year is now working for Bowler & Hildinger.

Dr. Kapp says that the roads were the worst on Tuesday that he has known them to be in ten years.

Mort Hendershot is doing some papering and painting in F. G. Briegel's house during their absence.

H. K. Berger is having some repairs made at his residence which will make it more convenient and comfortable.

Sunday was a lovely day, warm and sunny, but the roads were so muddy that people were not tempted to ride for pleasure.

The new firm of Jaeger & Dietle have a new advertisement this week. They have a special sale for the benefit of their customers.

A. Stieber who has been working T. J. Thorne's farm the past two years and more, will work for Ed. Logan on the hop yard farm.

Electon was very quiet Monday. A few bets were made on the result, but there was no excitement, only a little fun among the boys.

We learn that Isaac Hall has bought another farm, having purchased the interest of the other heirs in the Richard Hall farm south of town.

Rev. Frey, of the evangelical church at Row's corner occupied the pulpit at the methodist church Sunday night and preached a powerful sermon.

James Martin has purchased a strip of land on the south side of Charles Trefoeth's lot on Water street and will erect a dwelling house upon it.

Why can't we get someone to start a furniture factory in this town. The Schmid property at the middle dam should make a fine place for one.

William Holt of the firm of Jaeger, Dietle & Co., has sold his interest in the more of his partners and is now a gentleman of leisure. The firm name is now Jaeger & Dietle.

Lonier & Hoffer of the Manchester roller mills have a new advertisement this week about cotton seed meal which the professors at the agricultural college claim is a great feed and with produce.

The academy of '00' was decided to be the name of the new society which met with Miss Sparaf Tuesday evening. The program was both very instructive and entertaining and a success in every way.

The directors of the Manchester canning factory held a meeting at the people's bank last Saturday afternoon. H. Kiebler is to secure a sufficient acreage of tomatoes and corn to keep the factory running.

The big water in the river and ponds is taxing the strength of the dam. The fence at the stone bridge factory sprung a leak Monday and Mr. Schmid hustled around and put in some iron rods to hold it together.

On account of the rain, Thos. Thorne adjourned his auction until Tuesday the 17th at 12 o'clock noon, when Frank Mathew will sell his stock, farming tools, etc. on the place five miles west of this village.

T. J. Farrell, cashier on rural route No. 1 has been on the route two years and four months and has missed only three days. He thought he needed a rest. John Schaefer the substitute cashier is taking his place.

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WE MUST HAVE IT.

The Plant of the Toledo Portland Cement Co.

WILL BE LOCATED HERE.

Public Meeting of our Citizens at Arbeiter Hall Last Evening.

Readers of the ENTERPRISE have been informed of the formation by Manchester, Toledo and other parties, of a company to manufacture Portland cement in Manchester, getting the marl and clay from immense deposits a few miles south of this village.

The plan has been to erect the plant near Low's lake, on land owned by Thomas Holmes, but as the officers of the company investigated the matter more closely, one of the directors, Rev. Geo. T. Butler of Albion, Ind., pointed out the great additional expense the company would be put to in erecting dwellings and other necessary buildings, for the laborers, if the plant should be located at the lake, to say nothing of the loss of time occupied in their construction, before the plant could be started.

And so it was thought best if possible, to locate the works right here in the village. By so doing the village could provide homes for the workmen. Besides, the works could be erected cheaper, better and sooner here than at the lake. The hauling of material for the plant would also have to be deferred until the right of way for a railroad from the village to the lake, could be secured, the road graded and iron laid.

As one looks into the matter he discovers many things in favor of a plant right here in the village which would be of benefit to the company and of vital importance to the village.

It so happened that Geo. T. Butler came here yesterday to confer with our citizens, and to tell them on what condition the company would be willing to erect the plant here, and if possible, to get an expression of their feeling in the matter.

A meeting was held at arbeiter hall last evening at which a large number of our citizens were present, including the wealthy and influential men, business men and property owners.

A. J. Waters who is resident attorney for the company stated the object of the meeting and said that the company asked that our people subscribe for \$25,000 worth of stock, give four or five acres of land for the plant, and secure the right of way to the marl beds.

He had drawn up a subscription paper in such a form that the plant must be well underway before a dollar of their money should be paid, as will be seen by the following:

"The Toledo Portland Cement Company. Organized under the laws of the state of Michigan. Capital stock, \$100,000. Shares, \$10.00 each.

We, the undersigned, each for himself, severally, hereby subscribe for the number of shares of the capital stock of the Toledo Portland Cement Company set opposite our respective names, at ten dollars per share, this subscription being upon the express condition that the main manufacturing plant and buildings of said company shall be located within the corporate limits of the village of Manchester, Michigan; and we hereby agree to pay to said company for said stock in installments as follows: One fifth of the amount of our several subscriptions when the foundation for said plant and works shall be completed, one fifth when the main building shall be completed, one fifth when the operating machinery shall be installed, one fifth when the railway shall be completed to and from the clay and marl beds and the remaining one fifth when the entire plant is in effective operation; and it is further provided that this subscription is upon the further condition that when any subscriber shall pay to said company ten dollars or any multiple thereof in compliance with the terms of this subscription, the secretary of said company shall issue to said subscriber or subscribers, certificates of stock for the amount so paid in; and it is further provided that if said plant shall not be in full operation, or before 18 months from the date hereof, then this subscription shall not be binding on said subscribers; and further the non-performance of said company of any of the terms of this subscription, on its part to be performed, shall render this subscription void as to the said subscribers."

After reading and explaining the above copy of the subscription paper, Mr. Waters introduced Mr. Butler who stated the case in a few plainly spoken words, dwelling briefly on the subject of cement stock companies and showing how different this company is from those which have been promoted to sell the stock in manufacture cement. He explained the "dry process" which is to be employed by this company and also showed what the profits are in the business, and what a demand there is for the product.

He stated emphatically that the Toledo Portland Cement Co. was a business proposition and said that they were working to get ready to let contracts for machinery, etc. on the first of April.

When Mr. Butler was through speaking, Mr. Waters asked those who wanted the cement plant to locate here to arise. Every man of the large audience was on his feet in a moment signifying conclusively that Manchester is thoroughly in earnest.

Today Wm. Burtless and A. J. Waters are out soliciting subscriptions. They have each taken 100 shares and O. L. Torrey has done likewise.

The engineers will be here soon to lay out the grounds and survey routes for a railroad between this village and the lake and it is necessary that our people act promptly if they want the plant located here.

This is the one chance we have had in many years and we may never have another. If we let this one go, to build up the town. Every man should do something, according to his means.

There is no occasion that brings to all the satisfaction and real enjoyment that a visit to the old folks at home bring to the children who have gone out to battle with the world. The old folks seem so happy when they have the children around them. They seem to forget that they have passed ripening them into man and womanhood, they look upon them as children still. And the grandchildren are pressed to their loving hearts and their cheeks made to glow with fervent kisses. True, there is an occasional tear glistening in the eyes as thoughts of the absent ones comes to mind but is carefully hidden from sight of those who are happy in the enjoyment of home, sweet home. Last Friday witnessed such a scene at the home of our beloved townsperson, Mr. & Mrs. I. M. Robison. It was the 54th anniversary of their wedding and their son, Chas. J. Robison and family of Clinton, their daughter, Mrs. C. W. Case with her husband and daughter planned a surprise on their parents and met Mr. & Mrs. Wm. Gadd of Bridgewater and Mr. & Mrs. C. W. Sandford of this village at the old home when a royal dinner and all the accompaniments of genuine heart to heart talk were thoroughly enjoyed.

The annual village election Monday passed off without any excitement. The "citizen" ticket was elected throughout as will be seen by the figures opposite each candidate's name. The first name after office is citizen. There were from one to three "no choice" votes for each office.

President—Ed. E. Root 164
Trustee—Lewis Lonier 80
Chas. E. Lewis 164
Dr. G. F. Kepp 152
R. M. Tector 130
O. J. Foster 80
J. D. Torrey 92
Geo. Dietle 126
Clerk—Geo. J. Nisle 165
Ed. Dresselhouse 80
Treas.—George Wurster 183
Wm. R. Sloat 105
Ass'tor—N. Schmid 160
Frank English 81

As heretofore mentioned in these columns, the officers of Manchester Lodge F. & A. M., have been summoned to attend a school of instruction at Tecumseh next Thursday afternoon, March 19th. They are to exemplify the work in the 2nd degree. Several lodges will be represented and if the roads should be good we presume that a number of masons from here will drive down.

The Detroit Journal says that Amelia Catherine Miller Dickerson has been given a divorce from her husband, Dr. Cyrus G. Dickerson of Detroit. That there is now an order for his commitment to jail for contempt in not paying alimony.

Mrs. E. M. Freeman entertained about 30 ladies very pleasantly Monday evening. Pedro and Finch was the entertainment of the evening. Miss Alma Schmid and Mrs. Austin Yocom reciting poems in Pedro and Miss Goodenough and Mrs. Klopferstein in duoch.

Mr. Goodenough of Bowling Green, Ohio, father of Mrs. Dr. Klopferstein, drove here last Friday bringing a horse for the doctor. He says that the roads in the vicinity of Blissfield were something terrible.

Vince Gray returned from Traverse City, last Thursday. He says that it was pretty cold up there and there was lots of snow this winter. His son did not return with him and he may remain there the coming summer.

Last night the upper dam sprung a leak beside the flume that runs to the mill, on the west side of the dam. Louis Hoffer had material drawn this morning and have been at work trying to stop the leak.

Mrs. Hattie Rose-Bergeron, who has been staying here with her parents since her marriage, left last Saturday to join her husband, Louis Bergeron at South Bend, Ind., where they will reside.

That mean bull terror that has been running about the streets the past few days, acting strangely, was shot by John Jackson yesterday afternoon. People were afraid it was mad.

We understand that Hiram Lamb of Ann Arbor, who formerly lived here and is a brother of our townsperson, James Lamb, has smallpox and was taken to the hospital.

James Dresser of Brooklyn, died Monday of bright's disease. He has been a successful and popular druggist for many years. He leaves a widow and two children.

Mr. Gainey and family went to Dunes, yesterday afternoon to visit friends before returning to Ann Arbor, Mich. Mattie is visiting friends here this week.

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BRIDGEWATER.

Mrs. Jacob Rab is on the sick list. John Hasenpflug spent Sunday at Ann Arbor.

A. G. Crane is in Ann Arbor as a juror this week.

Mavor Kidd and Frank Riedel have the measles.

Martin Nackenbush has bought a horse of L. Schellenberger.

Lewis Schellenberger went to Tecumseh Friday, on business.

Mr. & Mrs. Gottlob Paul are confined to the house with sickness.

The roads are more muddy now than they have been for years.

R. R. Paul of Adrian, is spending a few days with his parents here.

Mr. & Mrs. Charles Paul, and daughter visited a few days at Saline.

Mrs. Mary Bettis of Jackson has been visiting at H. R. and F. M. Palmer's this week.

Mrs. Herman Almendinger of Ann Arbor is visiting at her brother's, Henry Luckhardt.

George Beatenbend and family and Mr. Joe Riedel spent Sunday in Clinton at John Staib's.

One afternoon recently Charles Dresselhouse ground 156 bags of feed at his mill in River Raisin.

Mrs. M. Trapp of Manchester, visited at Mrs. Jacob Schumaker's from last Wednesday until Tuesday.

Eugen Armbruster, who has been working at Fred Ottmar's, returned to his home in Pittsfield, Saturday.

Miss Tema Baur who has spent the past week in Saline with her sister, Mrs. Wm. Sturm, returned home Monday.

Mr. Walter was called to Bridgewater station on Monday to investigate in regard to the stoppage of a tile drain.

Charlie and Fred Clough have bought the John Schaefer saloon at Saline and will take possession the 26th of March.

Jacob Luckhardt has rented his farm to his son-in-law, Albert Paul, and has gone to live with his son, Henry Luckhardt.

William Westphal who has for several years past worked the Conklin farm near River Basin station, has purchased the old Van Giesen homestead of Ira Van Giesen.

Wilber Short went to Clinton to hear Mr. Earl speak on good roads. There was a small turnout, probably on account of the weather and roads, but Mr. Earl gave a good talk showing that he understood the subject well.

We often heard a man remark that when Hogan appeared before the "gate of pearl," he would speculate as to whether a car or sheep could be purchased within. Just now his line seems to have changed as he brought in a car of mules on Saturday last.

W. C. T. Stitt of Hillsdale visited several days last week with his cousin A. T. Stitt and family here.

The wire is mostly all strung for the new telephone line between Clinton and Brooklyn.

School closed in the Wampler's lake district last Friday until the first Monday in April.

Mrs. Adelia Lawrence who has been ill so long has recovered and went to Brooklyn to visit.

Adam Miller has a very sick horse caused from getting loose in the barn and eating too much grain.

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Mr. & Mrs. L. Darling of Onsted, were among those from away who attended the party Thursday evening.

Miss Jennie Miers and Mable Ladd were home from Brooklyn and attended the oyster supper Thursday night.

The next ladies aid society will be held at the pleasant home of Mr. & Mrs. A. T. Stitt the last Thursday in March.

The oyster supper held last Thursday evening at the home of E. Owens was well attended, about 40 being present. The evening was pleasantly passed with music and games and just at the right time supper was served.

Miss Tina French of Appleton, Mich., who spent the past year here among relatives and friends, left Monday last for her home. During her stay here she has made many warm friends who regret her departure but wish her a safe journey home.

IRON CREEK

There is a bad spot in the road just east of Mr. Stocking's.

THE TEST OF GOLD.

A vast number of kidney suffering people, cured by Doctor's Kidney Pills, say but for the trial they would not be in agony. This means

Golden Metal at your Command to Test.

ACHING BONES ARE CURED. Hips, back, and limbs are overcome. Limbs and drop signs vanish. They correct trifling aches that afflict us. They cure the pain passing, drizzling, frequency, bed wetting. Doctor's Kidney Pills relieve calculous gravel. Doctor's Kidney Pills are the best elixir for rheumatic, nervous, dizziness.

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W. H. THOMPSON'S EYE WATER.

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SONG IN WINTER.

Over the hill the plangent west wind dirges;
Dearly shrouded in each meadow way.
Night in day, and day in night like merges;
In monotony of white and gray;
Rainbow fold of promise—not a ray!
Desolation rules with icy sway!

Swing, O planets, on your shining courses!
Bear us past the wintry woe and pain!
Work your wonder, O ye vernal forces!
Let us hear it throbbing through the rain!
The old tender and ecstatic strain;
April and the bluebird back again!

—Clinton Scollard in *The Churchman*.

The Persian Rug

That rug was a perfect stunner, all gorgeous rich blues and greens, with a background of a most beautiful terra-cotta crimson. It had been "made expressly for us," as Nita explained proudly to the greasy Oriental, who, however, did not seem a bit impressed with the information, but persisted in the extremely low price he had offered us at the beginning. An absurdly low price, yet one to which we finally had to agree, for both Nita and I were firmly resolved on one thing—we would go to Mrs. Stevenson's house party. It would probably be our last bit of fun with the old crowd. Hence forth we would have to forego society and earn our own livings. (How we hated the idea!) For Mrs. Stevenson's house party one, of course, needed new gowns, etc., and in consequence, money. Now, since a most unkind guardian-cousin (not angel)—had invested our small fortune in such a way that it not only became smaller, but was finally lost to view entirely, we were penniless, and when we decided we must sell something at once, the discovery was made that no one thing in the house would bring more than the rug. I—having the better "business head" of us two—did the most of the bargaining, I argued, the Oriental stood firm. I argued again, and—screamed. Nita bore up bravely until the man began counting the money out to me, then, with one howl, she flew from the room, slamming the door after her.

Well, we went to the house party. I would have had a good time if it had not been for Nita. She spoiled everything. Each evening while we dressed for dinner she would scold mightily. Each night she would sob herself to sleep, and—me to wakefulness, and through all the scoldings and the tears swept the refrain: "Our rug, our dear, beautiful rug!"

Then, one evening, some little time after the dressing bell had rung, Nita came in from—I don't know where: She had a fearful sunburn on, and was so mussed, and on my timidly suggesting her hurrying a bit (she was aimlessly gazing into the mirror), she turned to me with the sweetest, gentlest smile, and said: "I know it, dear."

I nearly fainted. Not being as well acquainted with Nita as I am, you may not appreciate this. I can only say it wasn't like her. Of course I was puzzled by the change, but thought she might have realized there wasn't time to scold then. That I would have double measure at the next opportunity I had no doubt; but no, bedtime came and no outburst, wrathful or tearful. Such a relief! Yet hours after Nita was asleep I lay awake thinking. What could it mean? Also, no light dawned on me. The next morning (Nita being late) the rug was mentioned the first thing, but so differently.

"Dear old rug," she said, gaspingly (she was being hooked into her gown), "perhaps it is just as well, Henrietta, that—that we didn't keep it!" I started. "A house party is rather good fun, isn't it?" she continued.

The next day we dined on board a yacht, and I didn't see Nita alone until bedtime.

"Oh, I'm having a bully time, Henrietta," she exclaimed.

I felt hurt. "So would I have had—from the start, if—"

"Yes, I know—your poor dear," she said. "If I hadn't been so very horrid about the rug. But now I'm not am—" "A perfect stunner," she said, smilingly.

And then I thought I knew for once had the first name of John; another the last name of Smith. Nita had always hated the first name of John, and the last name of Smith—I was quite sure of myself now. I grew very bold.

"A stunning name—Reginald Haughton."

Henrietta, what are you talking about? You don't think you can't think I'm engaged to that fool? How could you? Oh, but you poor dear, I mustn't blame you. How could you have eyes for—" (I mustn't tell what she said—such a foolish child!) "Well, I'll tell you—I'm engaged to Howland Smith, and I'm very glad. Good-night."

The next morning they went up to town to buy some cotton favors. Nita told me they were also going to buy the rug back—"I've told him all about it, and he says we must have it for our house." (It was spoken with a Capital air!) They came back on an afternoon train. I went across the lawn to meet them.

The rug was bought—by whom, do you think? That horrid Mrs. Ardley. But I don't care," said Nita, smiling sweetly at us (one of us, smilingly) as she turned toward the house.

"She has the most beautiful disposition in the world," said the lucky man, looking after her fondly.

To-night, the last one of the house party, Nita told me, with glee, "I have made a discovery: his whole name is John Howland Smith, and, as I don't want to call him what every one else does, I'm going to call him John!" Maud Virginia Thompson in *Boston Herald*.

The Question: It is said that there is a woman in Manchester who has eyes which magnify objects fifty times their natural size.

"No, I can't." Nita was sulky.

"Oh, Henrietta." She shook me this time. Really, Nita is very strong for a little thing. "Do be a dear, and wake me. I have something to tell you." She

LOSS A NATIONAL ONE.

Devastation of Nikko, the Sacred City of Japan, Has Brought Sorrow to the Whole People—Was Full of Historic and Sacred Associations.

(Special Correspondence.)

THE Japanese have a proverb, "Who has not seen Nikko has no right to pronounce the word 'Kekko' (beautiful)." Nikko, about ninety miles north of Tokio, in a fairyland of mountains and lakes, has for ages been renowned in all Japan as an example of perfect beauty.

It was not, however, its natural charm alone that drew the Japanese in crowds to this enchanting place. Its historic and sacred associations were the great magnet. Here were interred the bodies of the Shoguns who for centuries were the military rulers of Japan. Here were the Buddhist and Shinto temples unequalled in their embodiment of the most exquisite features of Japanese architectural art. Here was the dwelling place of the four gods who promised ages ago to watch over and preserve Japan.

The pilgrims to this place of holy shrines numbered tens of thousands every year. Nikko also has long been a favorite resort of American and British visitors.

But disaster has overtaken Nikko, ravaging its beautiful avenues bordered by great trees, sweeping away its temples and its famous statues of Buddha, tearing down its lacquered bridges, destroying over two hundred houses and leaving only desolation where enchanting beauty had reigned.

Late last year there was an incessant downpour of rain on the slopes of Mount Nantaisan, over 8,000 feet in height, the largest mountain in that part of Japan, which guards the western entrance to the beautiful valley of Nikko. The rains saturated the deep soil to the rock skeleton of the mountain. Suddenly a great landslide occurred on the steeper slope, acres of the soil, with its heavy clothing of trees and vegetation slipped swiftly down, leaving an enormous scar on the mountain side.

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POWER PUT INTO MUSIC.

Interesting Facts Set Forth by Eminent Investigators.

The mechanical efficiency of certain musical instruments has been measured.



Rural Japan.

charge through a stream that courses along the Nikko valley. The landslide half filled this long narrow lake. Its waters suddenly raised to a

height of twenty or thirty feet above their ordinary level, swept with torrential force down the valley, over-spreading the banks on either side and leveling all structures in their way. The ruin was complete. Many of the objects destroyed can never be replaced, for even if reconstruction might restore to Nikko its old beauty the historic and religious interest attaching to many of the things that were swept away can never be associated with anything that may take their place.

It was evidently supposed to be sympathetic, which under the circumstances was hard. I hadn't the least idea who he was! To tell the truth, I hadn't noticed Nita much at the house party, being—but never mind.

"He's a nice and tall." (This was merely to say something—anything.

All of the half-dozen men were tall—four of them unmarried and only one of them engaged, to my knowledge.

He was one of the other three then I tried in vain to remember the colors of their eyes." "Isn't he?" acquiesced Nita, joyfully.

"Indeed, no!" came the indignant answer.

Another silence, then—"Perhaps it is about the rug—after all, Henrietta?"

"Yes?" (This was sleepily.)

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